wide of programmes for the neighbouring villages which include:-

1. Training in organic Framing for local farmers and Set up Organic food growors Co-operative.

2. Training for youth in modern educational methos, and for self employment.

3. Women's development and child care,

4. Health education for children and preventive health care.

5. Organisation of Social and Cultural activities by setting up youth and women's clubs.

Some of the important projects of Auroville are as follows:-

(a) *THE MATRIMANDIR:* Considered to be the soul of Auroville, the Matrimandir is gradually evolving into a beautiful structure.

(b) *AUROVILLE FUND:* Providies channel for general grants and deonations from India and abroad.

(c) *CENTRE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH:* The Centre carried out work in different areas like solar energy promotion, sustainable future, upgradation of Auroville Visitors Centre, health, vermiculture research and earth construction technology and various other research projects.

(d) *AUROMITRA:* Parricularly focuses on integrated rural development in Autoville by promoting sustainable ecological land use methods.

(e) *BUSINESS TRUSTS:* There are over 60 commercial units, operated by Auroville at present. Their activities are diverse and include handicrafts, printing and graphic design, food processing, electronics, engineering, computer hardware and software, windmill and hydroplane productuion, construction and architectural services.

Beginning of M.SC (Physics) coruse in South Campus of Delhi University

4536. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University is not offering course in M.Sc (Physics) in its South Campus, thereby causing great hardhsip to students;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would consider beginning the said course from the current (1997-98) academic session;

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) The University of Delhi is of the view that having regard to the paramount need of maintaining standards, especially at the post-graduate level, starting of MSc, (Physics) course in the South Campus of the University has not been found to be advisable.

Revamping of KVS and Navodaya Vidyalayas

4537. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cosndiering proposals for major revamp of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Organisation keeping in view the operational

performance/organisational deficiencies noticed over the last five years reflected in the latest review at Apex level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) A committee under the Chairpersonship of Km. Selja the then Deputy Minister for Education and Culture had undertaken a review of the working of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and made valuable recommendations relating to academic and administrative matters of the Sangathan. Majority of the recommendation of the Committee have since been implemented.

No formal review of the scheme of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has been undertaken, although deficiencies have been noticed in the functioning of the Samiti/Vidyalayas are removed from time to time.

Survey of Urdu medium Schools

4538. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that a survey by the "Friends of Education Society" suggests that all Urdu medium schools in the Capital be shut down because the career prospects of students are being jeopardised by the utter negligence of schools, teachers and students;

(b) if so, the details of that survey; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Government of Delhi has informed that no such survey has come to their notice, as such, no action has been taken by them.

Opening of Schools in Tribal habitations

4539. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government open schools in Tribal habitations with relaxed norms in the States having substantial population of Adivasis therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of schools established by Government and State Government in Tribal habitation in Gujarat with details thereof;

(d) whether norms were relaxed for such schools;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other measures being taken by Government to raise literacy percentage amongst Tribals in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Opening of schools falls within the domain of State Governments and Union Territories Administrations. In order to promote education among Scheduled Tribes (STs), various incentives are provided by Central and State Governments, the main of which are as follows:—

— In order to enhance the access to primary education by the ST children, the norm for opening of primary schools, which is generally one kilometre walking distance from habitations of 300 population, has been relaxed in the case of ST habitations in whose case the norm is to have a primary school within one Kilometre walking distance from habitation of 200 population.

— Adoption of target oriented strategies and fixing of separate